

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

December 4, 2003

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AUDIO-CASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) met at SCAG offices in Downtown Los Angeles.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Voting Members Present

Lee Ann Garcia, Chair
Harry Baldwin
Ron Bates
Lou Bone
Art Brown
Lawrence Dale
Gene Daniels
Joy Defenbaugh
Mayor Richard Dixon
Bonnie Flickinger
Gary J. George
Carol Herrera
Sandra Jacobs
Tim Keenan
Robin Lowe
Judy Mikels
Greg Pettis
Tod W. Ridgeway
Ron Roberts
David A. Spence
Dick Stanford
Paul Talbot
Tonia Reyes Uranga
Linda Wilson

City/County Representing

Grand Terrace
San Gabriel
Los Alamitos
Tustin
Buena Park
Barstow
Paramount
Riverside
Lake Forest
Moreno Valley, WRCOG
Redlands, SANBAG
Diamond Bar
El Segundo
Cypress
Hemet
County of Ventura
Cathedral City, CVAG
Newport Beach
Temecula, WRCOG
Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Azusa
Alhambra
Long Beach
Manhattan Beach/South Bay Cities

Voting Members Absent

Paul Biane
Yvonne Burke
George Cole

Representing

County of San Bernardino
County of Los Angeles
Bell, Gateway Cities COG

Bill Davis
Cathryn DeYoung
Judy Dunlap
John R. Fasana
Larry Grogan
Peter Herzog
Robert Hunter
Bonnie Lowenthal
Patsy Marshall
Jeff Miller
Llewellyn Miller
Keith Millhouse
Mark Nuaimi
Pam O'Connor
Gary Ovitt
Will Pieper
Bea Proo
Jeffrey Reinhardt
Greig Smith
Cameron Smyth
Tom Sykes
Sidney Tyler, Jr.

Simi Valley, VCTC
Laguna Niguel
Inglewood
Duarte, SGVCOG
El Centro, IVAG
Lake Forrest
Victorville
Long Beach
Buena Park
Corona
Claremont
Moorpark
Fontana, SANBAG CTC
Santa Monica
Ontario
Desert Hot Springs
Pico Rivera
Las Virgenes/Malibu
Los Angeles
Santa Clarita, North LA County
Walnut
Pasadena

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Present

Rose Casey

Representing

Caltrans, Los Angeles

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Absent

Board Member
Rotating Board Member

Representing

California, DOT
Air Resources Board

Transportation Commissions – Vacant

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

New Members

Frank Gurule

City of Cudahy

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Neil Cummings commented on the financial plan submitted to the FRA by the California/Nevada Super Speed Train Commission for the Anaheim/Ontario segment of the project. He inquired if this project is not seeking federal funding is there any need for it to be in the RTP? Mr. Hasan Ikhata, SCAG staff, responded by saying that whatever is to be built in the Region, with or without public funding, needs to be included in the RTP.

Mr. Lawrence Dale, City of Barstow, stated that there are two issues with the MAGLEV-Cal/Nevada. One, it is not NERTP. Second, under the terms of current commitment, MAGLEV committee supports the Cal/Nevada project only if there is a commit to start construction at both ends namely, Las Vegas and Anaheim at the same time. If Cal/Nevada's current position is to start construction from the Las Vegas end and it is going to be self funded, this should be clarified before including it in the RTP. Mr. Ikhata suggested that Cal/Nevada be put back on the RC's agenda because of the confusion of the project starting at both ends.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were MOVED, SECONDED, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 November 6, 2003 Meeting Minutes

3.2 Receive and File

3.2.1 Intergovernmental Review Clearinghouse Report
Attachment

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 2004 State and Federal Legislative Program

Mr. Don Rhodes, SCAG staff, stated that the comments from the last TCC meeting have been incorporated into the revised document. Additionally, an effort was made to clarify the purpose of the program document, which serves as a guide on how SCAG will move forward with its legislative program. Also in the revision, the differences between the terms advocate, monitor, and develop were defined throughout the document. The comments of the other two policy committees who had approved the document were also incorporated.

Mr. Paul Talbot, City of Alhambra, asked if the I-710 appropriations request that Congressman Schiff had put in would be included in the legislative matrix. Mr. Rhodes responded that Attachment A of the matrix includes only appropriations requests directly requested by SCAG, and the legislative matrix does not list specific projects. On the other hand, Mr. Rhodes pointed out that the I-710 gap closure project is listed in the Southern California Consensus Program for TEA-3.

Mr. Rhodes added that the Southern California Consensus Program for TEA-3 document will be reworked and revised and brought to the TCC at a future meeting. Mr. Dick Stanford, City of Azusa, asked if the Gold Line Extension will be included in the revised Southern California Consensus Program list. Mr. Ikhata commented that the TCC took an action to approve the document at the February, 2003 meeting. Furthermore, the Gold Line Extension was not included in the Consensus Program document because it was not part of the adopted 2001 RTP. In fact, only projects in the adopted RTP could be included in the Consensus Program document.

There was some concern by members of the committee that there had not been sufficient time for review and input into the Consensus document when it was approved in February 2003. Mr. Rhodes assured the committee that the TCC and subregions will be asked for their input for the development of the revised Consensus Program document.

Mr. Mark Pisano, SCAG Executive Director, responded to the question regarding the process that is to be implemented to solicit input and determine the final recommendations in the consensus program for the region. Mr. Pisano stated it was the responsibility of the TCC and the RC to collect input that would be reflected in SCAG's discussions with the county transportation commissions. In addition, a process needs to be in place through with the TCC and RC can receive input from the subregions by the February TCC meeting.

Mr. Ikhata stated that because there will not be a January TCC meeting the subregions should submit their input to SCAG as soon as possible. Chair Garcia suggested that SCAG call a meeting of the sub-regions to address the Consensus Program document by January 16.

Ms. Judy Mikels, Ventura County, noted that the action item before the Committee was to approve the 2004 SCAG State and Federal Legislative Program, and that the committee was not taking action on the Consensus Program document.

It was MOVED, SECONDED, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to adopt the 2004 SCAG Legislative Program.

4.2 Operation Jump-Start and the 2004 RTP

Mr. Ikhata stated it was clear that the Committee wanted to separate "Operation Jump-Start" from the plan and recommended that the Committee do so. All references of "Operation Jump-Start" will be removed from the plan, the EIR, and the corresponding technical appendices.

A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the dissociation of "Operation Jump-Start" from the 2004 RTP and further

directed staff to continue evaluating it as a process for facilitating and implementation of qualifying plan projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

Mr. Miles Mitchell, representing the L.A. Department of Transportation, expressed the LADOT's support of the recommend action taken by the Committee. The LADOT feels that the RTP is a challenging document and should be dealt with distinctly and in separation from "Operation Jump-Start".

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Report on SR-91 Express Lanes

Ms. Ellen Burton, General Manager of SR-91 Express Lane, provided a report on the operation of the SR-91 Express Lane as well as proposals for future improvements in the corridor since its management was transferred to OCTA.

5.2 Update on RTP Funding Initiatives

Ms. Annie Name, SCAG Senior Planner, provided an update on the funding initiatives proposed in the Draft 2004 RTP.

5.3 Draft 2004 RTP Environmental Justice Analysis Attachment

Ms. Nancy Pferrer, SCAG Senior Planner, provided a report on the Environmental Justice analysis work performed for the draft 2004 RTP.

5.4 Update on the Draft 2004 RTP

Staff provided an update on the Draft 2004 RTP, including a quick overview on the status of the issue matrix. It was explained that the process is including projects in the RTP, based on performance and available funds.

Chair Garcia asked that the Committee have their comments in by January. Staff can then have the time to do an analysis. The Committee will then have time to discuss the issues at the February TCC meeting.

6.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

Mr. Tim Keenan, City of Cypress, stated that at the last MAGLEV meeting there was a presentation by Tim Baldwin, URS, on the LAX South Program. The consultant recommended a southern alignment along the 405 FWY that would go to J.W. Airport. Additionally, Al Perdon visited the Shanghai Project with Lockheed Martin. This project will be presented to the Committee in the near future to enable them to get a better feel for how the system would work.

Mr. Keenan also stated that he has met with Ron Deaton, Legislative Chief - City of L.A., to ensure that the City is involved with the Committee on MAGLEV. Mr. Keenan will be talking with the L.A. Council Members on the subject.

7.0 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES COALITION (RTAC) REPORT

Ms. Robin Lowe, City of Hemet, stated that RTAC met last month and settled some issues prior to the TDM meeting. Riverside will continue to Chair through the RTP process and plans to meet as the public comments are in.

Mr. Richard Dixon, City of Lake Forest, raised the question at a previous RTAC meeting that the Committee did not have full participation of all regions on RTAC. Mr. Dixon felt that Staff needed to review this with regards to AB1246 requirements when we look at the current RTP.

8.0 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT (RTAC) REPORT

The above was not discussed at this meeting due to lack of time.

9.0 CHAIR REPORT

No Chair Report

10.0 STAFF REPORT

Staff had no report

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No additional agenda items were identified.

12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.



Hasan M. Ikhata, Director
Planning and Policy